

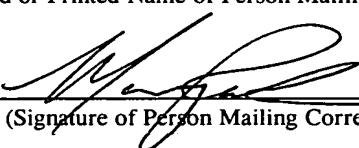
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) To be assigned 10/534897	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/IT03/00256	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 17 April 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 22 November 2002	
TITLE OF INVENTION DEVICE AND PROCESS FOR PACKAGING PRODUCTS IN A STRETCHABLE PLASTIC FILM			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US TORRE, Francesco			
<p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below. 4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)). 11. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409). 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210). <p>Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 18. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13/ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 21. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Express Mail Label No. EV 629341081 US 23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Return Receipt Postcard Letter to Examiner (1 page) Power of Attorney by Assignee, MINIPACK-TORRE S.P.A. (1 page) 			

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All other situations.		\$200			
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All other situations.		\$500		\$ \$400.00	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.					
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Invention: DEVICE AND PROCESS FOR PACKAGING PRODUCTS IN A STRETCHABLE PLASTIC FILM			
<p>I hereby certify that the following correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Small Entity) (2 pages) 2) United States National Phase Patent Application (10 pages Specification, 6 pages Claims, 1 page Abstract) 3) 7 Sheets of Drawings (Figures 1-16) 4) Letter to Examiner (1 page) 5) Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney by Applicant/Inventor Francesco TORRE (3 pages) 6) Power of Attorney by Assignee MINIPACK-TORRE S.P.A. 7) Transmittal of Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(b) or 1.97(c) (2 pages) 8) Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (1 page) and copies of two foreign references cited therein 9) Copy of International Search Report (4 pages) 10) Copy of Published International Application No. WO 2004/048201A1 11) Return Receipt Postcard <p>is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on: <u>MAY 13, 2005</u> (Date)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Marilyn Paik (Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Paper or Fee)  _____ (Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence) EV629341081US _____ (“Express Mail” Mailing Label No. EV 629341081 US)</p>			

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LETTER TO EXAMINER

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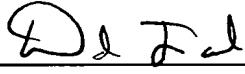
Dear Sir:

The above-identified United States patent application attached hereto, which is a national phase filing of International Patent Application No. PCT/IT2003/00256 has had a Cross-Reference to Related Application section added, and has had the claim set reformatted for United States patent practice, including removing the multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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